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In re Application of:  
Bruce A. Dillman

Art Unit: 3752

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required.

					Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	25 -	31 =	0		x \$ 9=	\$0	x \$ 18=	\$
Independent	4 -	5 =	0		x \$ 44=	\$0	x \$ 88=	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims						x \$ 150=	\$0	x \$ 300=
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$0			

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280.

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☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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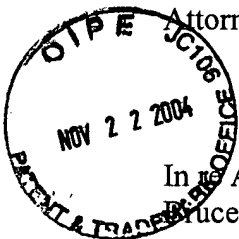
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHOD OF EXTINGUISHING FIRES

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 20, 2004**

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2004. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, a Reply to the Office Action is due on or before November 20, 2004, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.